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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing because I feel that the agreement Microsoft has reached with your office warrants settling the government's antitrust lawsuit against them. The settlement seems reasonable, and the involved parties should have the freedom to move on to more pressing matters.

I strongly feel that lawyers should not be trying to determine what features can be implement in software. Software is complex enough without the people who designed the tax code putting their hand in.

Allowing computer manufacturers a greater ability to configure Windows to include programs in direct competition with Microsoft's is a necessary step and making it easier for consumers to integrate competitors' software into the Windows system is a long overdue action. Bet the goverment should not be what features a in a product.

I urge you to resolve the lawsuit and get on to more important cases.

Sincerely,

Edwin R. Jones

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